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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO: NEW DIVISIONAL APPLN.

FILED: HEREWITH

FOR: MAGNETIC STORAGE APPARATUS HAVING DUMMY MAGNETORESISTIVE

EFFECT ELEMENT AND MANUFACTURING

METHOD THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified divisional application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.